

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Figures 1-22 have been amended. Replacement sheets are attached herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. Claims 32-95 were cancelled per the restriction requirement in the previous office action response.

Objection to the Drawings:

The Examiner indicated that Figures 1-23 should be designated as Prior Art because only that which is old is illustrated. With respect to Figures 1-22, Applicant has amended the drawings to include the legend "Prior Art". However, with respect to Figure 23, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's objection.

Applicant submits that Figure 23 should not be designated as prior art, as it illustrates subject matter other than that which is old and well known. Applicant further submits that the combination of elements shown in Figure 23 is novel and non-obvious. In the background section, reference is made to element 208 of Figure 23, which is an ACPI compliant register set. While the ACPI compliant register is old and well known, other elements and combinations thereof shown in Figure 23 are not old and well-known. Furthermore, a comprehensive discussion of Figure 23 can be found in the detailed description, and includes reference to elements other than the ACPI compliant register set. In contrast, the discussion directed to Figure 23 that appears in the background section is directed only to ACPI compliant register set 208 and location column 209, but does not discuss or even mention any of the other elements shown therein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Figure 23 is not prior art, and thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection thereto.

Objection to the Specification:

Applicant has amended page 6 of the specification to remove the hyperlink.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection:

Claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The cited material is not prior art. As noted above, the Examiner has asserted that Figure 23 should be labeled prior art. As further noted above, Applicant submits that Figure 23 as a whole is not prior art, and includes elements and combinations thereof that are not old and well-known, and further, includes a combination of features that is novel and non-obvious. While the background section of the present application refers to element 208 (an ACPI compliant register set) and element 209 (location column), there is no discussion therein of any other element of Figure 23. However, the detailed description includes a comprehensive discussion of the elements of Figure 23, including elements other than 208 and 209 and which are recited in the independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Figure 23 is not prior art, but rather, illustrates an embodiment of the claimed combination of features. Applicant therefore respectfully requests removal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5500-92201/EAH.

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